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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

A couple of updates and a thank you.

We have new test out dates for students who have registered to test out of courses, at the middle and high school level, and did not get an opportunity to do so because the test out was cancelled in the spring.

We are planning on hold the testing at Novi Middle School.

August Test Out Date

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 - All Subjects

AM Session Check In at 8:00 - 9:00 am
Testing @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am

PM Session Check In at 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Testing @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Sign-ups for the new dates will be on the district website next week.

Summer CARE Camps

The Community Education Summer CARE Camps start June 22. Summer CARE Camps will run from June 22 to August 14, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Parents can contact Stacey Job to register for Summer Camp. They are in the office M-F. She can be reached by phone at 248-675-3425 or by email at stacey.job@novik12.org.

High school fall sports registration is open. Please go to our website to register: <https://www.novi.k12.mi.us/departments/athletics>

High School Sports

High school fall sports conditioning begins June 15. Coaches will contact student athletes with the details.

School will start this fall on Tuesday, September 8.

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Monday through Friday for the past 12 weeks (and once during spring break), fifty nine times in total, you have opened your email and found a note from me.

Next Monday, you will not.

Thank you for all that you have done to support your children and our district during these past three months.

Over the last 12 school weeks (13 if you count spring break) and 59 school days, as a district:

- Our technology department deployed over 700 devices to our families.
- Our food service department provided grab and go breakfast and lunches every Tuesday to, on average, over 600 families a week.
- Our transportation department supported Tuesday food deliveries to two apartment complexes, helped deliver caps and gowns to all Novi High School seniors, and led celebratory parades in neighborhoods across Novi.
- Our custodians cleaned and disinfected, following new and stricter guidelines.
- Our preschool staff Zoomed with their students and families, with over 75% participating. (And if you think Zooming with adults is fun, you should try it with preschoolers!)
- Teachers figured out how to teach and connect virtually. That sentence does not capture the true scope of what our teachers did. It was remarkable!
- Our Special Education department created a whole new virtual IEP and provided FAPE throughout the pandemic.
- Administrators conducted staff meetings, met with parents, connected with teachers, kept the bond going, and began planning for the future.
- Our Board of Education met virtually and continued to conduct the business of the school district, so that we did not miss a beat.

And we could not have done it without support from you!

Looking back, were there things that we should have and could have done differently? Absolutely.

On this side of the experience, as we look to the future, I am confident that we will be more prepared and more agile, not only for situations like this, but for our normal, everyday routine.

So thank you again.

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What comes next?

We have a group of teachers and administrators planning for our return to school. We will provide an overview of our plan on July 1.

Staff returns to school the week of August 31 for a week of professional development. Our first school day will be Tuesday, September 8.

We will be ready.

- Will we have to wear facemasks? I don't know.
- Will we have to social distance in our classrooms, hallways, and buses? I don't know.
- Will we have to have plexiglass on desks and counters? I don't know.
- Will we be able to use common water fountains? I don't know, but probably not.
- Will classrooms be able to engage in joint activities? I don't know.
- Will we go on field trips outside the district? I don't know, but probably not.
- Will we have high school and middle school athletics? Probably, but with some safety precautions.
- Will we have all school assemblies? I don't know, but probably not.

As you can see, there is a lot that we do not know. Why? Because September 8 (or August 31) is a long way away. Instead of declaring our intentions today, we are going to monitor, gather information, and make decisions closer to our start date.

I am not interested in declaring now what we will do in September only to have to change multiple times before September arrives. I would like to share one set of plans, instead of multiple sets of plans.

So enjoy your summer. I will check in from time to time to let you know where we are. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to send them to me.

Thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do to support our students.

Gratefully and Appreciatively,
Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Important Chromebook Information:

If you have been issued a District Chromebook, you are welcome to hold on to it in case your student needs it over the summer.

If you would like to return it before the Fall, You are welcome to return it to the
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Please email Sheila Holly at sheila.holly@novik12.org.

NEW FOR BACK TO SCHOOL - FALL 2020 - ONLINE ANNUAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM

For Fall 2020, the Novi Community School District (NCSD) will be using a new Online Annual Registration system, via the MISTAR Parent Portal, for parents to update all currently registered students' information, such as emergency contact information.

For Parents of Currently Enrolled NCSD Students: It is very important that parents of current NCSD students be able to log into their MISTAR Parent Portal system **before the end of this school year** as the new Online Annual Registration system that will be used for Fall 2020 is accessed through the MISTAR Parent Portal. If you have any questions on how to log into MISTAR Parent Portal, please contact your building secretary **prior to June 12, 2020.**

For Parents of New-To-District NCSD Students (who have completed the Pre-Enrollment process for their student): These parents will receive an email communication from the Novi Community School District in early August. This email will give parents their Parent Portal login and password information, in time to use the Online Annual Registration system for their student.

The goal of the new system is to improve customer service for returning families. **The system will be open, via the MISTAR Parent Portal, on August 3, 2020 and is for all Fall 2020 enrolled K-12 and Novi Adult Transition Center students.**

Please note, at this time, the NCSD is planning for Novi Middle School and Novi High School students to attend in-person registration days to complete their registration. Online Annual Registration in MISTAR needs to be completed prior to attending the final step of on-site registration. Dates will be announced.

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